

# HISPANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Thursday January 27, 2005*

*Centro de la Familia*

## DRAFT MINUTES

### **Present:**

Bernadette Wolfe  
Catalina Corwin  
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Carl Hernandez  
Sonia Parker  
Barbara Melendez  
Jesse Soriano  
Daniel Gomez  
Elena Bensor  
Norma Villar  
Silvia Castro-Thomas  
Luz Robles  
Carmelo Aviles  
Gonzalo Palza  
Mark Wheatley

### **OHA/DCED Present:**

Elizabeth Balcazar, OHA

### **Excused:**

AnnaJane Arroyo

**Welcome/Minutes:** Luz welcomed all in attendance. Jesse motioned to accept the November 18, 2004 minutes, and Norma seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Report from the Office of Hispanic Affairs:**

- Elizabeth reported about the Latino Education Fair and the student awards banquet. She thanked Catalina for her service and supporting the conference planning committee.
- Luz reported about the recent developments in the Department of Community & Economic Development. She reported that three ethnic directors were released from their position. She indicated that the council was not officially notified about the changes or approached for feedback. Luz reported on the hiring process for the new ethnic directors that was e-mailed out to the community by the Office of Hispanic Affairs. There will be three individuals on the selection committee: Yvette Diaz, Executive Director of the Department of Community & Economic Development; Bonnie Burley, HR Director, and a representative from the ethnic councils. Barbara nominated Jesse to serve as the representative for the council. Jesse accepted the nomination. Daniel motioned that Jesse be the council's representative, Norma seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
- Luz reported about an appreciation open house scheduled for Tony Yapias on February 2, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm at Centro de La Familia.

### **Council Business:**

- The council went to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Norma motioned, and Catalina seconded the motion.
- Jesse facilitated the discussion regarding the strategic plan. He reported on the subcommittee's meeting. The committee met on January 6, 2005 to discuss the workplan structure. Jesse reviewed the executive order and stated that the main purpose of the executive order is to make recommendations that will assist state government and its agencies to effectively deliver services to our community. He prepared suggestions that were distributed to the council. He cited types of activities the council can work on towards reaching the executive order responsibilities. He listed tools for gathering information. He asked council for input on additional ways to gather information. Jesse

recommended that a committee be established that would examine the recommendations. He would like to enroll more council members into the work.

- Jesse reported on the discussion that he shared with Gonzalo. They talked about the current executive order as to whether they want to keep it the same. Gonzalo asked if the council is satisfied with their mandate. Carl commented that the structure did not provide council with an opportunity to fulfill the executive order. Silvia provided input as to examining the council's duties and to look at perhaps at a working council, who will represent the community instead of serving as an advisory council.

Daniel motioned to adjourn the meeting; Carl seconded the motion. All present voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.